

LOCAL MATTERS.

Those of our merchants who wish to advertise their Holiday Goods can have their cards published in the Gazette from now till Christmas on the most reasonable terms.

Our citizens as well as our country subscribers should consult the columns of the Gazette carefully before making their Christmas purchases. Our merchants, whose advertisements appear daily have large and varied assortments of goods, and are offering them on most reasonable terms.

Weather Probabilities December 16 1880.—For the middle Atlantic States partly cloudy or cloudy weather, with rain or snow, stationary or lower temperature, westerly shifting to northerly or easterly winds and falling followed by rising barometer.

WEDDINGS.—R. T. Thorp, esq., a prominent lawyer of Mecklenburg, Va., was married this evening to Mrs. Lutz Howard, nee Brent, at the residence of the bride's mother, upper end of King street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Suter, of the Episcopal Church, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the family and a few intimate friends. The bride and her bridesmaids were beautifully and tastefully attired, while the groom wore the conventional dark suit. The happy couple took the Richmond train for a Southern tour.

A large number of friends assembled at Waugh Chapel, Washington, yesterday morning to witness the marriage ceremony of Capt. Arthur R. Tolson, of Virginia, and Miss Mary F. Hilton, of that city. A friend of the bride's rendered a pretty voluntary on the organ as the invited guests assembled. There were two witnesses, Messrs. Wall and Kenney, and Rev. Dr. Wheeler, the pastor performed the ceremony. The bride wore a beautiful traveling dress of dress of white color satin du Lyon, with an overskirt of satin brocade and a pretty hat of plush to match. After the ceremony Captain and Mrs. Tolson left immediately for the train en route for Baltimore, where they remain until tomorrow, when they go by steamer to their future home, Point Pleasant, lower Potomac, Va. Among the guests present at the ceremony were Col. Gunter and Representative Slemmons, of Arkansas, and Hon. C. B. Simonton, of Tennessee.

GOING TO COMMENCE RELIGION IN EARNEST.—A decrepit-looking old man was seen tramping alone Union street yesterday with a stick across his shoulder, from which dangled a valise. His garments were tattered and torn, and he looked every inch a character. He had but one eye, and upon looking him square in the face, one could not help mentally exclaiming, "A cyclops, by jolly." All the time he would mutter to himself, "I am a poor old man, but I am going to commence religion in earnest." There was a sort of earnestness about the man that attracted attention, and upon being approached he gave his name as Albert Sumner, of New York. He said he was well known here as the publisher of the "Battle Axe." He further stated that he had come here to stay all the winter, and while he looked out for the body, his wife, who was a Gospel teacher, would carry on religious work in earnest, and the whole city would be converted; that he and his wife had given their names to the Methodist Church, but that they intended to connect themselves with the Free Methodistists, as there was more life and power among them than could be found anywhere else. The old man, who was polite and courteous, remarked that, "Like Paul, he must look out for the body," and jogged along. Mrs. Sumner will commence work at the Free Methodist Church on Friday night next.

APPEARS ON THE RIVER.—The ice in the river presents no difficulty now to steam navigation, but a strong tow is still necessary to get sailing craft through it.

The steamer Mastic will leave for the lower Potomac tomorrow morning.

The schooner Adella Corson, from Georgetown, for Savannah, Ga.; Lizzie Young, from Georgetown, for Fall River; E. L. Server, from Georgetown, and Laura E. Messer, from this port for Providence, passed down the river this morning under tow of the steam tug Wm. E. Bell, Potomac and Kato. The scene presented was a very pretty one, and was witnessed by a large number of citizens.

The steam tug Kate and Comet brought up the river to day the two larger schooners, and seven oyster boats. The schooner Thomas Jefferson, which was the only one of the fleet that stopped here, reported the ice in the river below this city as still very heavy.

A small boat loaded with oysters, belonging to Mr. Daniel, of this city, was out through the ice in Quantico Creek, Tuesday last and sunk.

STOLEN OVERCOATS RECOVERED.—The negroes, L. W. and George Jones, committed to jail Tuesday last, in default of the payment of fines as assessed against them for creating a difficulty on the river, had two fine overcoats, which they offered for sale yesterday. Officer James Smith, believing the overcoats to have been stolen, telegraphed last night to Detective Combes in regard to the matter, and received in reply, a request to hold the coats until this morning. This morning the detective came here and identified the coats as the property of two Washingtonians who had reported the loss of them at the Washington headquarters. The detective stated that the real names of the negroes, who were well known thieves, were John Brooks and James Gallion respectively, and that the story they told about just having arrived from New York was not true. He also said that the secret service department were on the lookout for twenty-five overcoats, which have been stolen from Washington parties within the past two weeks. When the two negroes serve their terms out here they will be transferred to the District authorities.

OFFICIAL VISITS.—The Committee on Public Property of the City Council, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Council at the meeting Tuesday night, visited and inspected the house of the Columbia Steam Fire Company this afternoon. The object of the visit was to examine and report on the condition of the house, with such recommendations as the committee may think proper for the convenience and comfort of the Company.

The committee also visited the station house this afternoon and examined the sinks there with a view to having them put in a better condition than they are at present.

A MULE'S FRIEND.—A warrant was issued this morning by Justice Motter for the arrest of "Billy" Cook for cruelty to a white mule in working the animal while sick. A mule is a stubborn creature, with a good deal of cunning, and is well calculated to try the patience of the average driver, by playing sick when he is in excellent health, but it is well that he should have a friend in the city, for the lot of many of them is cast in anything else than pleasant places. The warrant was dismissed upon Mr. Cook promising to give the mule a rest.

SALE OF THE GULF.—The Arctic steam or tug, rebuilt at the ship yard in this city for the Hagar expedition, which was subsequently abandoned, has been purchased in New York by Henry Bros., of Baltimore, for \$7,750. The Gulf was built in 1867 by Connel & Co., of Glasgow. Capt. H. W. Hagar purchased her at Greencroft for \$16,000, and the cost of rebuilding was \$10,000. Henry Bros. are engaged in the importation of West India fruits to Baltimore, and will put the steamer into that service.

A LARGER ASSORTMENT OF OVERCOATS AT MOSE WATERMAN'S, than at all the other houses combined.

THIEVES AT WORK.—During the past two weeks a good deal of petty thieving has been going on. A number of stores have been entered and robbed of articles, and last Sunday night a man was seen on the roof of a King street jewelry store by some young men at the engine house of the Columbia Steam Fire Company. They made arrangements to capture him, but he discovered their movements and made his escape. It is believed the thief passed out of the alley on St. Asaph street in the guise of a woman. Mr. A. D. Warfield reported to day that his drying establishment, on Fairfax street, had been entered last week by some unknown parties and robbed of two pairs of pants and a coat belonging to customers.

CALL RECEIVED.—The Southern Church man says that Rev. John K. Mason, of Oberlin, N. C., has received a call to St. John's Church, Liberty, Bedford county, Va., vacated by Rev. Mr. Lloyd, who has taken position as evangelist, but it is not known whether he will accept. Both the reverend gentlemen are well known in this city.

FOR FOREIGN PORTS.—In addition to the schooner John Bird now loading at Mr. S. F. Merrill's wharf with coopersage for the West Indies, the American bark Nicola, arrived here this morning from Georgetown, and will be loaded with hoops by Mr. Wm. A. Smith for Matanzas Cuba. The loading of the Bird will be completed by Saturday.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Delightful weather to-day. There were no cases at police headquarters this morning.

The Leap Year hop at McBarney Hall tomorrow night, from all accounts, will be a brilliant affair.

Mr. J. T. Ross, father of Mr. Feston Ross, of the firm of Fisher, Ross & Co., is ill at his residence in Loudoun county.

Hen. Samuel Capper, of England, will deliver a lecture at Sargent Hall to-night. Subject: "Beware of the Dog."

"Rip Van Winkle," was well rendered last night, at Armory Hall by the "Baker Combination Troupe," of Washington, to an appreciative audience.

Misses Mary Ambler and Mary Barton, two of Fauquier county's graceful and attractive daughters, are the guests of Mr. Dorsey, on St. Asaph street.

Mr. Mavick Edwile, son of Dr. James Edwile, left here yesterday morning to take charge of a drug store at Salem, Fauquier county, Va.

Letters addressed to Henry C. Stribling, Markham, Va.; S. B. Edgar, Baltimore, Md.; and A. Jasper, Washington, D. C., are detained in the Post Office here for want of postage.

Up to twelve o'clock to-day there were no cyanoars at the wharf. At that time the schooner Thomas Jefferson arrived from the lower Potomac with a cargo of the delicious bivalves, which sold pretty freely at from 40 to 60 cents per bushel.

Just before Motter had before him this afternoon James Long, colored, for assault; James A. Beach, for being drunk and disorderly; and Sallie Green, colored, for pulling the hair of a female friend, a love affair. Beach was fined, Long was bound over to keep the peace, and the woman Green dismissed with a reprimand.

Marriage banns were issued in Washington yesterday to Thomas L. Freagraves and Annie E. Palmer, both of Loudoun county, Va.; John H. Bundy, of Essex county, Va.; and Phillip Jackson, of Orange County House, Va.; Isaac Robinson, of Loudoun county, Va.; and Mary Ann Hensley, of Georgetown, D. C.

THERE IS NO PLACE WHERE YOU can get as good bargains as at the BOY'S CLOTHING HOUSE OF B. ROBINSON & CO. 909 Penn. Ave., Washington. dec15-2w

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SCARFEST ARTICLE OUT.—BLACK SILK PLOUGH at I. EICHBERG'S.

GREEN CLOTH and all other shades at ISAAC EICHBERG'S.

WAY DOWN.—We have marked all our goods down this week in anticipation of selling large quantities of goods before the close of the year. I. EICHBERG.

NO USE TALKING.—Washington or any other place can't compare with our line of CLOAKS, DOLMANS and ULSTERS. Call and price them at I. EICHBERG'S.

NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS.

The flow of gas will be stopped from all consumers who may be in arrears on the 24th of the present month (December). I hope to be saved from this unpleasant and I may add, unpopular duty. J. ROXBURY, Superintendent.

JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, 63 King street, have now in store a fine stock of Ivory-handled Knives, Plated Forks and Spoons, Pen and Pocket Knives, a large assortment of Tool Chests, Skates, &c.,—useful holiday presents. dec16

CLOTHS and other makes of BRERON-LOADING GUNS, with equipments; very desirable presents for gentlemen. JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, 63 King street. dec16

SKATES! SKATES! SKATES! American Club Ice King, Ice Monarch, Aome and a stock of Wood Top Skates, wholesale and retail at [dec16] JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.

WANTED.—A live, active SALESMAN to travel on the Orange and Alexandria R. R. and counties adjacent from Alexandria to Lynchburg. No one need apply unless he knows the trade and can influence it, and possesses the qualifications of a first class salesman. DANIEL MILLER & CO., Wholesale Dry Goods and Notions, Baltimore, Md. dec10-1w

Apples! Apples! Apples!

Selected Eastern, Baldwin and Greenings, hand packed, in large barrels. MACKENZIE, HERRING, & Co.

Nov. 12 and 8 bright and flat Shore Mackerel, in bins, half and quarter bins and kits. Original numbers and full weight guaranteed. Mann's Brand Labrador Herring. Split, Round and Gibbed Herring. Smoked Bladders and Sealed Herring in boxes. Boneless Fish and Cods. A full stock of the above at low figures. N. LINDSEY & CO., 6 and 8 King street. dec4-3m

FIRST NAT'L BANK OF ALEXA. VA. December 13th, 1880.

The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on THURSDAY, January 11th, 1881, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock. CHAS. B. HOOFF, Cashier. dec13-3t

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK. Alexandria, Va., Decr 15, 1880.

The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on THURSDAY, January 11, 1881, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock. WM. H. LAMBERT, Cashier. dec15-12

TEMPERANCE. Hon. SAMUEL CAPPER will again lecture at Sargent Hall, under the auspices of Golden Light Lodge of Good Templars, to-morrow (THURSDAY) night. Subject, "Beware of the Dog." To defray incidental expenses connected with the meeting, a nominal admission fee of 10 cents will be asked. BASKETS! BASKETS! BASKETS! Call and examine our elegant stock of work baskets, work stands, spoon and fork, and lunch and all kinds of baskets. MOLAN & UHLER, 76 King St. dec14

RED'S INDIAN HERB POWDERS and Doctor THAYER'S LIVE POWDERS for sale by JAMES & CO. 79 and 162 King Street. dec13

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SMOKING JACKETS AND FURNISHING

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In the newest and choicest styles—our own importation.

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At an immense reduction.

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Much under regular prices.

Our various departments will repay a careful inspection to those who are in search of

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For ladies, gentlemen, girls and boys.

GRAND DISPLAY OF DOLLS,

Finest specimens in the city.

FANCY GOODS UNEQUALLED.

Unrivalled assortment of

MADE-UP LACE GOODS,

Of every description.

Collarettes, Fichus, Handkerchiefs, Jabots, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Ladies', Gents' and Children's Gloves, Silk Umbrellas, Paris, Berlin and Vienna Fancy Goods, Bique Figures, Plaques, Vases, Artistic Glass Wares and Pottery, Paris and Vienna Fans.

ALL THE NEW SHADES OF KID GLOVES,

All lengths and sizes.

HEAVY WINTER GLOVES, MITTENS,

WHISTLETS AND HOSIERY,

In Silk, Cashmere, Lisle and Cotton.

CASHMERE & MERINO UNDERWEAR.

Cut this out. It will be useful in making your selection of

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

WHAT TO BUY.

Six Pair of Lucca Kid Gloves, Six Pair of Foster Patent Laced Kid Gloves, Six Pair of Harris Seamless Kid Gloves, One or More Linen Handkerchiefs, ranging in prices from \$3 to \$14 per dozen, for Ladies and Gentlemen, One or More of our Handsome Scarfs, One or More of our Elegant Imported Silk Handkerchiefs, A Handsome Silk Muller, A Pair of Men's Lined Gloves, A Gossamer Water Proof Coat, One Gingham Umbrella, One Alpaca do, One Silk do, One Smoking Jacket, One Dressing Robe, Half dozen Dress Shirts, A Doll for each of the little girls, A Beautiful Ornament for the mantel, table or bureau, And thousands of other articles.

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NEW ENGLISH WALNUTS,

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MALAGA GRAPES,

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No. 21 south Fairfax street.

8000 lbs Fine French Mixture 15c per lb.

New Valencia Raisins 10c.

New Currants 8c.

New Citron 50c.

Lemon Peel 20c.

Also Candy of our own manufacture, Sugar

Toys, &c.

Also received to-day a fresh lot of Florida

Oranges.

Also a large lot of Fruits, Nuts, Fire Works,

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We desire to call special attention to the

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They have all the latest improvements and

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We offer them at the lowest prices and on the

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HOLIDAY GOODS.

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Mary had a little cake, It was white as snow; 'Twas fair to see and sweet to taste, For Brengle makes them so.

She took the cake to school one day; It was against the rule; For children all love Brengle's cakes And take a bite in school.

And so the teacher took the cake And eat it on the sly; And after school, with solemn face, She told the child a lie.

She said, the mice had eat the cake And thought it very nice; That all of them that tasted it Had turned to candy mice.

The candy mice the windows show And tempt the boys to break, Were just the very little mice That nibbled Mary's cake.

But Mary was not fooled at all, 'Too thin,' was all she spoke, The teacher quick to Brengle's shipped And bought another cake.

And Brengle has lots of such Oakes on hand for Christmas. His CHRISTMAS CAKES, Black Fruit, Pound, Jelly and Fancy, Ornamental and Plain, are sold cheaper than they can be manufactured at home. Also Cream Puffs, Tarts and Pastry, Candies and Jelly of all kinds. Also a specialty in Fruits, Nuts, Confectioneries, Caramels and Sugared Fruits. He furnishes the best OYSTERS and ceters for families and entertainments. dec15

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